

**Community Benefits Advisory Committee (CBAC)**  
**Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC)**  
**Tuesday, December 6, 2022**  
**5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**  
**Held Via Zoom**

**Present:** Elizabeth (Liz) Browne, Lynne Courtney, Shondell Davis, Lauren Gabovitch, Richard Giordano, Nancy Kasen, Barry Keppard, Marsha Maurer, Sandy Novack, Kelina (Kelly) Orlando, Jane Powers, Richard Rouse, Anna Spier, Robert Torres, LaShonda Walker-Robinson, Fred Wang

**Absent:** Flor Amaya, Maia Betts, Alexandra Chery Dorrelus, Kira Khazatsky, Angie Liou, Alex Oliver-Dávila, Triniese Polk, Samantha Taylor

**Guests:** Kristin Mikolowsky, Health Resources in Action (HRiA)

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Nancy Kasen, Vice President, Community Benefits and Community Relations, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for joining. Nancy then reviewed the agenda.

### **Public Comment**

There were no oral or written public comments received or shared during this meeting.

### **FY22 Community Benefits Data Dashboard**

Anna Spier, Manager of Community Benefits, shared the first iteration of BIDMC's Community Benefits Data Dashboard, a tool that will be used to help track, analyze and display data to gain deeper insight about the impact and work of the department. She explained that we are piloting what data to include in the dashboard and welcomed input from the CBAC about what would be most useful to see. Several CBAC members indicated that having the visual was helpful. One CBAC member suggested that it would be helpful to have more information about the types of community events attended and supported, and another said there may be opportunity to share additional process measures that can show progress toward outcomes. Another CBAC member requested that data by neighborhood be shared in the future, given the diversity and size of BIDMC's Community Benefits Service Area.

Anna thanked the CBAC members for their thoughts and shared that the data dashboard will be presented twice per year at the June and December meetings, in addition to the regulatory reporting numbers that are shared at the March meetings. Anna stated that over time the dashboard will be more complete and incorporate suggestions from CBAC members, when possible.

### **Community-based Health Initiative Updates**

Robert Torres, Director of Community Benefits, provided updates on the Community-based Health Initiative (CHI). He shared preliminary data from Health Resources in Action related to the Boston cohort of grantees from July 1, 2021-September 30, 2022, demonstrating the reach and selected demographic information about the participants enrolled to date. He stated that more information will be available in spring 2023 and that updates will continue to be shared with the CBAC. Robert also shared a couple de-identified participant stories that grantees had provided.

Next, Robert shared information about the Chinatown HOPE and Chelsea Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative collectives and their project proposals that were recently awarded funding. Chinatown HOPE's project involves the activation of open space in Chinatown through gardening, arts, cultural programming and resident leadership development. The Chelsea Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative Collective will develop and implement workshops to support women's wellness and health in Chelsea. Robert also provided an update regarding the CHI grantees in Chelsea – North Suffolk Mental Health Association, La Colaborativa, and Comunidades Enraizadas Community Land Trust.

### **Regulatory Updates**

Nancy shared a series of regulatory updates related to the CBAC. She reviewed the role and membership composition of the CBAC and summarized the proposed changes to the charter that had been shared in advance of the meeting. The CBAC members in attendance verbally agreed that the changes made sense due to there not being a quorum, a vote was not taken. Next, Nancy went over the annual Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements and explained their importance. She also reminded CBAC members about the importance of completing the FY22 Community Representative Feedback Form for the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and reviewed the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Continuum of Community Engagement.

Nancy then shared the corrected Charity Care expenditure amount for the FY21 Attorney General's Office report (\$51,016,036). She explained that the Charity Care amount previously shared at the CBAC's March 2022 meeting inadvertently contained the wrong numbers; the number has now been corrected and finalized with the Attorney General's Office.

Nancy told the CBAC that BILH will soon be announcing a funding opportunity focused on supporting the creation, expansion or reopening of a licensed birthing center. She asked the CBAC to spread the word in the community and notify the team if they know of any organizations that may be interested.

### **CBAC Member Stories**

Anna explained that this portion of the meeting was an opportunity to get to know each other since members have not been gathering in person for CBAC meetings. Barry Keppard, LaShonda Walker-Robinson, and Richard Rouse each shared where they grew up, their career backgrounds, their interests, and what led them to join the CBAC.

Anna stated that this segment would be a standing agenda item until all CBAC members have had an opportunity to share.

### **Next Steps**

Kristin Mikolowsky from Health Resources in Action shared a brief online survey for CBAC members to provide information about their experience. Anna thanked the attendees for joining and reminded everyone about the deadlines for completing the Community Representative Feedback forms and Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements. She then reminded everyone that the next scheduled meeting was March 28, 2023 before ending the meeting.